

## FIRE AND BLOODSHED NOW

Entire Empire of China in a State of Actual War.

## ALL COMMUNICATION CUT OFF.

Our Consul Not Heard From—Hurried and Excited Cabinet Meeting in Washington.

London, By Cable.—A special dispatch from Hong Kong says all the telegraph lines have been destroyed and that the German minister, Baron von Sotter, has been killed.

What with the reports coming through Tien-Tsin that the Boxers have massacred a number of native converts and servants of foreigners in the east city of Peking, besides burning the Catholic Cathedral at Peking, the situation in the Far East appears perceptibly graver. To add to the difficulties comes the news that telegraphic communication between Shanghai and Tien-Tsin is totally interrupted. Consequently the prevailing uncertainty as to the facts and possibilities of the position will be accentuated.

It is generally recognized now that the position of the foreigners at Peking is perilous, as there is but a short time from the massacre of the servants of foreigners to the killing of the foreigners themselves.

"A massacre is averted," says The Spectator, "and the palace reduced to smoking obedience, the grand difficulty will be to decide on the next step. The powers can neither encamp permanently in Peking nor leave until established that the government is prepared to respect international obligations and able to hold China together if anarchy breaks out in China the object of the powers is decided. The failure or success of the present efforts may involve a series of wars of which no man can see the end."

Continuing, The Spectator suggests that an egress from the present situation must be found in the appointment, by the representatives of the powers, of a competent vizier, as has often been successfully done in other Eastern crises. Otherwise the gloomy calamity of China falling to pieces may in a few months be exciting the cupidity and overtaxing the capacity of all the ruling men.

Commenting upon the supposed hesitation of the United States to actively participate in the movement to suppress the Boxers, as reported in cable dispatches from Washington, The Statesman says:

"No European power will misunderstand the present hesitation of the United States and jump at the conclusion that American feeling and opinion may be disregarded. The United States will undertake military operations in China as it did against Spain in the protection of its citizens requires them or if the powers threaten to exclude American merchants from their rights in China acquired by treaty. Unless the British ministers muddle matters, Great Britain can reckon on the assistance of the United States and Japan in maintaining, even by force, the policy of the open door in China."

A cabinet meeting held under the presidency of Lord Salisbury was concerned almost wholly with the situation in China.

Not a Word From Conger.

Washington, D. C., Special.—Not a word of news came to the State Department over night from Minister Conger, who has now been cut off from communication since last Tuesday. Even the United States Consuls in North China ports are silent. Admiral Kempff has not been heard from since yesterday. This absence of official reports has given rise to grave apprehension here. It was expected that there might be delay in hearing from Mr. Conger, but in the case of Admiral Kempff an early report was looked for and it is feared that the officers of the foreign fleet at Taku have been prevented from reaching the cable station there by the open hostilities of the Boxers or by the sinister orders of the Chinese government.

Bryan's Nomination Assured.

Chicago, Special.—By the action of the Democratic State Convention in California, Missouri, Kentucky, Georgia and Vermont Hon. William Jennings Bryan is assured of the nomination for President on the Democratic ticket. The instructions given delegates by those five States carry Mr. Bryan's vote, it is believed, considerably over the two-thirds necessary to nominate him.

Aspirants for McLean's Shoes.

Columbus, O., Special.—The overthrow of John R. McLean as the leader of the Ohio Democrats in the State convention this week has already brought out rival candidates for his place on the national committee and for the Democratic nomination for United States Senator next year to succeed J. B. Foraker. Tom L. Johnson, of Cleveland, formerly a member of Congress, is the candidate for national committee, and C. N. Haskell, a railroad operator of Toledo and Ottawa, is in the field for the senatorial nomination.

## NEWS SUMMARY.

### The South.

Samuel Adams, colored, who entered the room of two white girls and tried to assault them, was lynched at Columbus, Ga.

Believing he caused her to be turned out of her home, Annie Hill, colored, stabbed Edward Carney to death at Norfolk, Va.

Pierre Lorillard's famous \$100,000 houseboat Caiman was destroyed by fire while anchored in the river near New Smyrna, Fla.

C. Wilford Peters, in jail at Chattanooga, Tenn., for alleged bigamy, says if he really was married a second time he was under the influence of hypnotism.

The annual convention of the Scotch-Irish Society of America, met at Knoxville, Tenn., Acting President Dr. John McIntosh, of Philadelphia presiding.

A requisition for extradition of former Governor Taylor, of Kentucky has been asked for.

Some one in ambush shot and killed John Ovens and his young son at Mobile, Ala.

### The North.

John Anderson, formerly in the employ of Broker Adolph A. Kuhn, who disappeared leaving a shortage of nearly \$1,000,000, has been arrested at Chicago, Ill., and admits conspiracy.

An unknown man sprang from a Staten Island ferry boat at New York and was drowned.

Because James J. Donnelly had a habit of romping with pretty Maggie Bradley, at New York, his wife seeks a divorce.

Cardinal Gibbons has conferred degrees on a large number of students at the Catholic University, Washington, D. C.

Despondent over financial reverses, Thomas B. Cottrell, an old and well-known speculator on the Board of Trade of Chicago, Ill., fatally shot himself.

A diamond pin valued at \$1,500 was stolen at New York from Mrs. T. Suffen Teller, daughter of Pierre Lorillard and wife of the well-known four-hand whist.

An hour before his wedding to a daughter of Millionaire Otto Grant, at Deadwood, S. D., Henry J. Coventry was arrested for practicing medicine without a license.

The Spanish cannon loaned to Kansas City, Mo., was found to be loaded.

A terrific wind storm passed over Ohio Monday, doing thousands of dollars of damage to fruit.

Grip, culminating in insanity, caused Rev. Thomas B. Cheney, of Washington Court House, Ohio, to commit suicide.

During the first day as attendant at the New Richmond (Wis.) Insane Asylum, Antone Sorensen was killed by a patient.

By shooting Winthrop Fallon, a traveling man, of Brookline, Mass., killed himself in the Hollenden Hotel at Cleveland, Ohio.

The American Architectural League will meet in Philadelphia next year. Joseph C. Lewelyn, of Chicago, Ill., was elected president of the League on Saturday.

Sculptor Holgie Boeck committed suicide at Chicago, Ill., by drinking prussic acid.

The Union Labor Lyceum, said to be an educational institution, has been organized at Chicago, Ill.

After receiving two gunshot wounds Watchman James Delaney shot and killed an unknown burglar at Chicago Ill.

### Foreign.

The 1209 immigrants brought by the Spanish steamer Gran Antilla were landed at New York after \$10,000 had been given to indemnify the United States should any of the immigrants become public charges.

Emperor Kwang Hsu, of China, is reported to be anxious to oust the Dowager Empress and resume his power.

Boers killed, wounded or captured an entire battalion of Derbyshire militia at Roodeval, in the Orange River colony.

The British expedition for the relief of Comassie, West Africa, has been checked by natives.

A battle with rebels has occurred near Panama, resulting, it is reported, in the defeat of the government forces.

Prisoners in the San Juan, Porto Rico, penitentiary revolted on account of the alleged bad quality of their food.

Appollinario Mabini, chief of Aguinaldo's cabinet, is reported to be penniless and dying in an American prison.

### Miscellaneous.

Governor Stephens, of Missouri, in a formal statement accused Mayor Zeigensheim, of St. Louis, with encouraging the street car strikers for political effect.

Ignatius Donnelly, Middle-of-the-Road Populist candidate for the Vice Presidency of the United States, has written a formal letter of acceptance.

## WRITES ABOUT NEW WORDS

Bill Arp Has to Consult a Dictionary for Their Meaning.

## MANY CHANGES THESE DAYS.

People Continually Coining Words—Theologians and Church Doctrines—Other Matters.

When we were little school boys it was a big thing to spell "Baker." When we reached "crucifix" we had visions of expansion and suspenders and when we progressed to "unintelligibility" and "incomprehensibility" we thought there were no more worlds to conquer. But there were, for away on near the last page was a catalogue of jawbreakers, such as "ph-th-ls-ls," which we called "fistic" and "michilmackinac" and "bonny clabber," etc. We innocently supposed that the old blue back spelling book contained all the words in the world, but by and by found out that we were only in the rudiments. The little dictionary and English reader and Murray's Grammar and Smiley's Arithmetic were all ahead of us. In course of time, however, we learned to parse, which is a Latin word taken from "quae pars orationis"—what part of speech. Then we mastered the rule of three, which is now called proportion, and soon advanced to tare and tret, which we whispered "was enough to make the devil sweat." About this time we began to wear shoes all the year round and began to brush our hair, and had picked out a sweetheart and held her hand on the sly when we stood up to recite, and sometimes we used the looking glass to see how the downy beard was coming. When well up in our teens we were promoted to the Institute and introduced to Latin and Greek and Algebra and History. I remember the first sentence in the old "Historia Sacra," "Deus Creavit coelum et terram intra sex dies"—God created the heavens and the earth in six days. It was like a confession of faith and made a more lasting impression, for we had to study it out and parse it. I remember our history and how Thomas Allan, who had been poring over Alcibiades, Pericles, Thucides, Sophocles and Demosthenes, suddenly came on a sentence beginning with the word "besides" and he called it "besides" and thereby got a nickname that stuck to him through life.

But we old men have long since forgotten our Latin and Greek except the small words that make up much of our modern English. Even a limited knowledge of Latin and Greek is a great advantage and great comfort in defining our language. It is of inestimable value to professional men, to doctors and druggists, botanists and horticulturists and those who cultivate flowers. But nobody can readily read Latin or Greek nowadays except the professors and teachers in our schools.

Not long ago I pondered over a Latin preface in a very old book and had to give it up. I turned it over to Professor Daves and he rendered it very beautifully and no doubt correctly, but his good wife told me as a secret that he worked on it every night till midnight for a whole week with his coat off and the perspiration oozing from his classic brow.

I was ruminating about these things because I came across some words today that I never heard of and had to consult the big dictionary for the meaning. Of course we have to make new words all the time to keep up with inventions and science, but these words are old, as old as John Calvin, and seem to have created a mighty discussion in making up the Westminster confession of faith at Westminster Abbey 250 years ago. I was perusing an editorial in a New York paper in which it was stated that over forty presbyteries of the northern church were in favor of amending the confession of faith and going back to superlapsarianism, which was the doctrine of John Calvin. That the Westminster confession was superlapsarian and not Calvinistic. That was a revelation to me, and so I have been reading up on these abstruse things, and find that there was a long and bitter discussion at Westminster as to whether God decreed the doctrine of election before the creation of man or after he fell. Calvin declared the former, which he called superlapsarianism, but the Westminster assembly declared that the decree of election and reprobation was not determined on by God until Adam had sinned and fell. I tell you, my Christian friends, those two long words are to the common mind as unintelligible and incomprehensible as were "unintelligibility" and "incomprehensibility" to me when a school boy. I have got along without them all these years and I am not going to strain my mind with them now. There is enough in the sermon on the mount to guide us and comfort us in the journey of life. These old time theologians were desperately in earnest on doctrinal matters, for they were in a mighty controversy with a mighty foe and no man had a right to believe as he pleased and be at peace. Even Calvin had Servetus burned as a heretic because he denied the trinity of the God head. Servetus was a Unitarian in faith and a good man in all the relations of life. Sometimes I fear we have too much complexity of doctrine. I mean some of the preachers and theologians of the schools. The people are all right and give themselves very little concern about doctrine. They want preachers to preach about life and duty, how to live and how to die.

It is not doctrine that takes converted people into this church or that church. These reflections on old Father Jacob and his ladder provoke me to say that it must have taken a doctrine of election and some amazing grace to have kept him in the favor of God, for he was a selfish man and kept an eye out for his personal gain. He began by defrauding his brother out of his birthright, and later on tricked his father-in-law out of his cattle, and after he awaked from that dream at Bethel he tried to make a bargain with the Lord and said: "If God will be with me and give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, and I come to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God." Almost any sinner would do that now and even some church members will vow to give a hundred dollars to the church if they make a thousand on a certain speculation.—Bill Arp, in Atlanta Constitution.

The Postmaster General has awarded a contract for supplying a large quantity of envelopes, etc., for the use of the Executive Department during the fiscal year to the United States Envelope Company, of Springfield, Mass.

### News Items.

The National Conference of Jewish Charities, at Chicago, Ill., adjourned Thursday.

For printing criticisms upon the army, all the editorial staff of the Voice de Mexico were sent to prison for six months at the City of Mexico.

Dr. Kennedy, convicted of the murder of Dolly Reynolds, at the Grand Hotel, New York, has been denied a new trial by the New York Supreme Court.

### Contests Settled.

Philadelphia, Special.—The Republican national committee put in three long sessions on the contests which have been before it and adjourned late Friday night with all the controversies practically disposed of except that from Delaware. An important action was the seating of the Brownlow delegates in the Tennessee contest and refusing admission to the friends of Pension Commission Evans. The contest was very bitter and at one time there was a possibility of a serious encounter between Brownlow and Evans.

### Seized by Sheriff.

Frankfort, Ky., Special.—The office of the State Treasurer is in the custody of the sheriff. Assistant Treasurer Long said he had received no authority from Former Treasurer Day to turn over that office although he had telegraphed the latter and he declined to let Democratic Treasurer Hanger in. Hanger took out a writ of possession in Judge Moore's court and the sheriff took possession of the office.

### News Items.

Since June 7 15 women and children, who tried to kindle fires with kerosene oil, were burned to death.

While trying to prevent a fight in a saloon at Buffalo, N. Y., Michael Joyce was fatally stabbed by George Fisher.

While working on the cantilever bridge at Niagara Falls, N. Y., Henry Seippel fell 200 feet to instant death.

Admiral Dewey and party have returned to Washington, all well, after an eight-days' trip West.

Major H. C. Hale has taken possession of the island of Bohol, Philippine group, where he found an orderly native republic.

The designs for the new Baltimore custom house will be considered by the board at Washington Thursday next.

The Grand Commandery of the Grand Lodge of Masons of North Carolina met in Charlotte Tuesday night. Grand High Priest Randolph, of Asheville, delivered the annual address.

The Southern Music Teachers' Association opened its semi-annual convention at Atlanta Tuesday night. At the first session Dr. R. H. Peters, of Spartanburg, S. C., responded to the address of welcome, and interesting papers were read by William Armstrong, of New York; A. J. Grantvoort, of Cincinnati; and Joseph McLean, of Cincinnati.

General Otis arrived in Washington Monday, where he reported to Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn.

Of course women jump at conclusions. That's the season they always turn to the last chapter of a novel.

### Ducks and Geese Like Weeds.

A weed can hardly be of any benefit except that it keeps the farmer bustling and thus makes him stir up the surface of the soil, which enables it to hold the moisture much better than if a crust was allowed to form upon the surface. Some of the weeds—such as plantain, purslane, ragweed and pigweed—are all what the ducks and geese would term a "d-d-hency," and if they were allowed to fledge on such food they would in most cases leave grain for it and would be apt to clean up the spot infested with the weeds in such a manner that it would not be liable to trouble the farmer again for some time to come.

## MORE FIGHTING EXPECTED.

The Boers Are Occupying New Positions.

## BRITISH CHANGE POSITION TOO

Buller May Move Into Orange River Districts and Co-Operate With Methuen and Rundle.

London, by Cable.—Lord Roberts' dispatches leave affairs east of Pretoria with the Boers withdrawn to new positions, Tuesday. News of fresh fighting is expected at the War Office, but none came Friday night. General Rundle's patrol had a skirmish with Boer videttes again Wednesday. Some wonder is expressed here as to what he is doing with three divisions. It is assumed by some that General Buller will move into Orange River Colony and co-operate with Lord Methuen and General Rundle in bagging President Steyn and his 7,000 or 8,000 followers. Part of Christian Botha's force has halted at Paandekop, 18 miles northwest of Volksrust. Boer parties are still near Volksrust and fire occasionally upon the British pickets. The British government is considering whether a substantial force should not be sent to China from South Africa. It is thought unofficially that Lord Roberts could spare a brigade or two, and the necessary transports are now in South African waters. The commander of the expedition it is said will probably be General Sir William Nicholson. A dispatch from Lorenzo Marques, dated Friday, says:

"Persons have arrived here who have seen the preparation of the Boers and learned that they will retire, when forced, through the Lydenburg region, adjoining Rhodesia and Gazaland."

The Lorenzo Marques correspondent of the Times says: It appears that Steyn and not Kruger, is now the stumbling block in the way of the surrender of the burghers. Shortly after the British entry into Pretoria, Mr. Kruger proposed to reopen the peace negotiations. Mr. Steyn, bearing in mind that his former advice was scouted, demurred to this and pointed out that according to the treaty between the Republics, neither could conclude peace without the other.

"Mr. Kruger, equally unwilling to incur the charge of a breach of faith, had to continue the war. Nothing further is known regarding the rumored peace negotiations; but it is a matter of notoriety that Mr. Kruger favors peace on almost any terms, but dislikes personally to take an initiative that would involve unconditional surrender. Ninety-seven burghers out of 200 in one commando have returned to their homes."

### From the Philippines to China.

Washington, D. C., Special.—It seems probable that, after all, the United States troops in the Philippines will be called upon to furnish a contingent to assist in the rescue of the foreign missionaries in China, and in the protection of the foreign embassies and legations. A great change has come over the administration in this regard as late as Friday there was a firm determination not to go beyond the employment of marines and sailors. There was still such a purpose when the cabinet met and there is even now a disposition to limit the United States forces employed to the navy, if sufficient force can be secured from that branch of the service. So enquiries are being made of the navigation bureau and in turn of Admiral Remy, to see to what extent the United States forces in China can be augmented. It is realized that the small force now engaged is entirely disproportionate, when compared with the foreign contingents, to the interests and duty of the United States. There is reason to believe that the navy has done all that it can do with safety in China at this stage, and that recourse must be had to the army. Already Admiral Remy has indicated that he cannot spare more marines, and he is looking to the Navy Department for another battalion to replace the men he has been obliged to withdraw from the naval station at Cavite to assist Admiral Kempff.

### A Terrible Accident.

Florence, Special.—A Timmonsville mother was a few days ago the unconscious cause of an accident which resulted in the terrible death of her little child. The mother, Mrs. P. R. Bowen, was cleaning a pot with boiling water. Her work done, she turned to throw the water quickly out of the window. In the meantime the little child had clambered upon the window sill, and it was into its smiling little face that the boiling water dashed. The little one suffered intense agony and yesterday succumbed to the accident. Mrs. Bowen is heartbroken.

### The Sick Returning.

Manila, by Cable.—Senator Pedro Paterno, former President of the so-called Filipino government, has been released temporarily, and he is now conferring with Senator Felipe Buencamino, former Minister of Agriculture and Commerce, with reference to the latter's peace platform. Two hundred men of the Eighteenth Infantry, who are sick, are returning by the transport Hancock, in charge of Captain Lewis.

### Important Capture.

Washington, D. C., Special.—An important capture of Filipino insurgents was reported to the War Department Friday morning, by General MacArthur, in the following cable message:

"Manila, June 155.

"General Macabulos, with eight officers, 124 enlisted men and 124 rifles, surrendered to Colonel E. H. Liscom, of the Ninth Infantry, at Tarlac, this morning. Macabulos is the most important and last insurgent leader in Tarlac and Pangasinan.

MACARTHUR."

## SOUTH CAROLINA CROPS.

Past Week Favorable for Cultivation and Harvesting.

Favorable temperature prevailed during the week ending 8 a. m., June 11th. The average for the week was about normal, with unusually higher or lower temperatures. There was rain over the whole State, heaviest in Oconee and Pickens counties, with a maximum fall of 5.69 inches at Wall-halla. Scattered localities, in other portions of the State, had from 3 to over 4 inches. Washing rains occurred throughout the Savannah valley, also in Colleton and Chesterfield counties. The rain all was generally sufficient and beneficial, but more rain is needed in the Wateree river basin. The rains interfered with farm work over the northwestern counties where fields are becoming grassy. There are few complaints of grassy fields in other sections. Hail fell in Barnwell county, doing slight damage.

The week's weather was favorable on all crops, and a marked improvement is noted over the entire State. There was a lack of sunshine during the week.

Corn continues small, but is healthy and is now growing fast. Some has been laid by. Worms are less troublesome, and better bottom land stands have been secured.

Cotton is now doing well. It is underseeded for the season, and some is not up, and in the northwestern counties hopping to stands is not finished and the crop needs cultivation. Some sections report the prevalence of lice. The crop now needs sunshine and hot weather. It is fruiting well in the southeastern counties.

Wheat harvest is nearly finished, except in the northwest portion where it has just begun. The indications are for the best yield in years.

Oats harvest well underway. The conditions are variable, and the crop rather below the average.

Tobacco worms continue troublesome, otherwise this crop is doing well, but shows the effects of the previous cool, dry weather.

Rice planting is finished, except in the Georgetown districts where rain and high tides delayed the work. Melons are very promising.

Peaches, plums and apples are ripening, the latter are very scarce. Minor field crops, and gardens are doing nicely. The whole crop outlook is very promising.

### Appointments No Good.

Columbia, Special.—All of the county boards of control of the State appear to be absolutely without legal authority. Attorney General Bellinger held that the State board of control has no authority to commission the members of the county boards of control and that the commissions from that body are without effect. Commissions must be obtained from the Governor, as are all other appointments of State or county officers. The question has been decided in connection with the Bamberg case, of which mention has been made. This decision is that all commissions sent out by the State board are not worth the paper they are written on.

### News Items.

State Chairman Jones has received the following additional pledges: C. T. Wyche, for Congress, from the 3d district; James H. Tillman, for Lieutenant Governor; T. J. Strait, for Congress, from the 5th district; E. E. Verner, for Congress, from the 3d district; J. H. Wharton, for railroad commissioner.

Prof. J. R. Blake, formerly chairman of the faculty of Davidson College, and one of the most noted educators of the South died at his home in Greenwood Friday night from complications following an attack of grip. He had been sinking for several days and his death was not unexpected. The interment was in Greenwood cemetery at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. His wife who was Miss Elizabeth Maxwell, of Pendleton, survives him. They have no children.

The boiler in Chas. F. Reed's saw mill which is located five miles west of Pige Lake, Mich., exploded early Saturday morning, killing three men and injuring ten others.